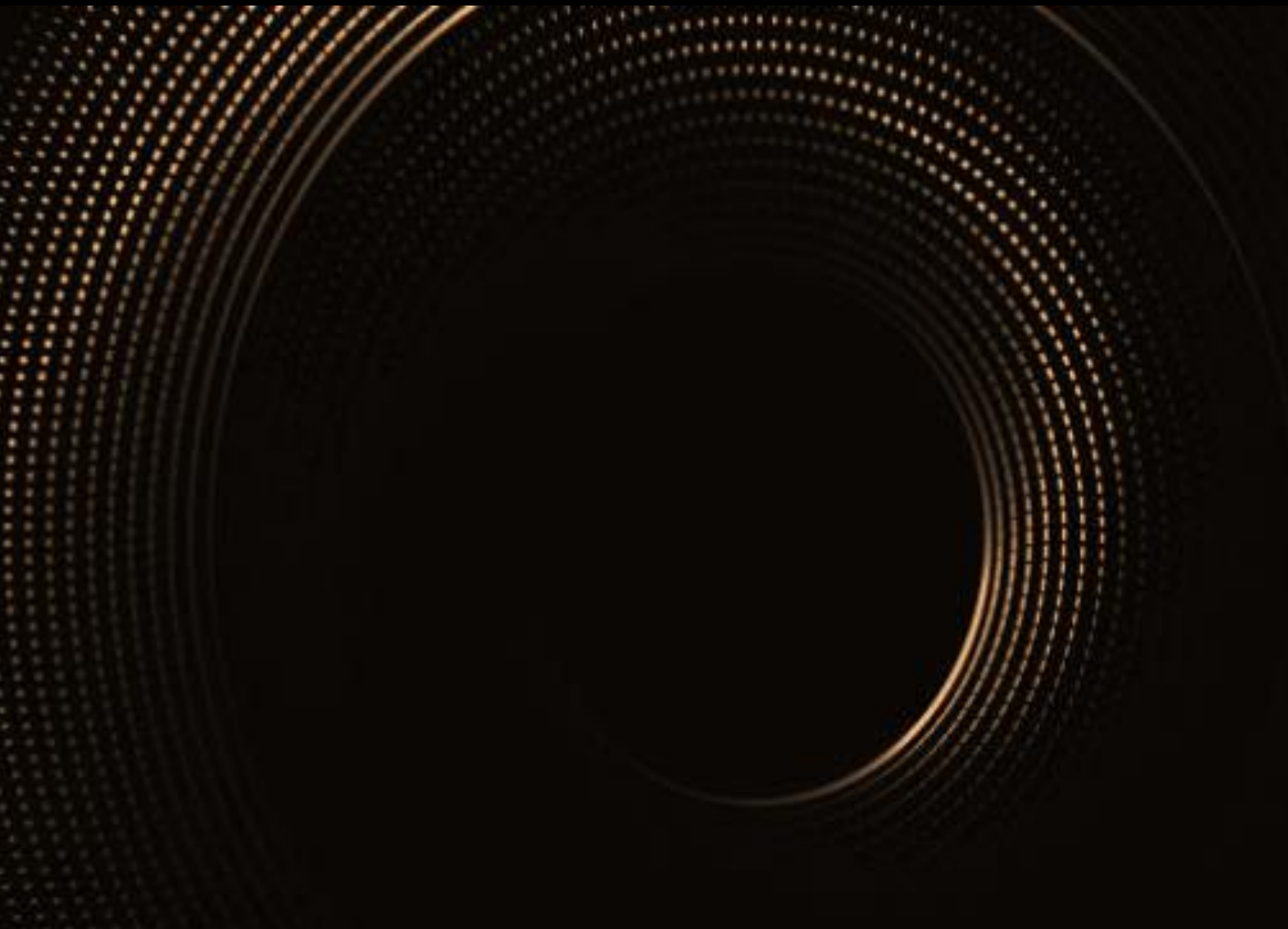


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1 Corinthians 15:33

**“Evil
Communications”**



**Be not deceived: evil
communications corrupt
good manners.**

This verse MAY be applied to many situations in which bad practices, attitudes, or beliefs can adversely affect people who may seek to live godly lifestyles.

However, when used directly in context to the rest of the chapter, it is speaking specifically

concerning death and
resurrection.

There were (as there are in
today's times) those who
believed, as some say,
“when you're dead, you're
done”. They rejected the
concept of the physical
body dying while the
spiritual body continues
ongoing awareness and
existence.

This verse urges to not be tricked into accepting any philosophy which states that there is no hereafter. It warns of the dangers of embracing any of the anti-resurrection and anti-Christ doctrines because all of them damage good, right, and truthful beliefs.

All similar doctrines,
including teachings

that one can do whatever
one wants to do in
deliberate defiance to
Scripture, corrupt good
actions. Some believe
because they are “under
grace” there are no eternal
consequences for
disobedience to the
instructions as given in
Scripture. They don’t
understand that bad
teaching leads to bad

thinking, which leads to
bad actions.

Evil communications
(wrong teaching, in words
as well as in behaviors,
badly affect the way one
thinks and therefore
the way one ultimately
behaves on a daily basis.

Bad doctrines are
“evil communications”.
They can come in the

form of pulpit messages or even in song form. Circa 2026, there is a popular song entitled “Worth”. Like many so-called “gospel” or “Christian” songs of its kind, it never mentions the name Jesus and always places the focus on oneself.

It's main lyrics include:
You thought I was worth saving,

So You came and changed my life,
You thought I was worth keeping,
So you cleaned me up inside,
You thought I was to die for,
So you sacrificed Your life,
So I could be free,
So I could be whole,
So I could tell everyone I know...

The deceit is so subtle that
many don't have an inkling
of the evil communication
which is at work. Most sing
the words and don't

know the doctrine is actually to build self up and press Christ down because familiar and responsible phrases are used alongside the dreadful error.

However, the very first line of the song is a clear indication of the underlying message, *You* (with no acknowledgment of to whom that refers)

*thought I was worth
saving.
...I was worth keeping
...I was to die for.*

Really? You're WORTH
all Jesus did? What
does Scripture say
about your worth?

“Worm”
(Psalm 22:6, Job 25:6)

When Jesus sacrificed his life, you weren't even created. If we, humans, were in a worthy state of being, Christ wouldn't have had to make the sacrifice for our inherent sin.

According to Scripture, didn't Adam sin, which caused that sin to be applied to all future humans so that we are

told, “all have sinned and
fall short of the glory of
God”?

(Romans 3:23)

So how are we *worth*
what Jesus did?

We can be thankful for
what Jesus did—his
sacrifice, but what right
do we have to claim worth
for what Jesus did?

To say you're worth
the sacrificial work of
Christ is similar to
saying, "I deserve it.
It's because of who
I am, rather than
because of who **he** is.
I got it like that" (as the
slang phrase goes).
It's a different doctrine
than the rightly divided
Scripture. It's the doctrine
of the "You"; the one who

encourages humans to
downplay Christ while
puffing themselves up—
exalting themselves.

That is just one song which
is just one example of how
evil communications badly
affect, or “corrupt”, good
“manners”. Manners, as
used in this verse is not
politeness; it’s the right
way of thinking and,

therefore, right living.

Now understand
that there is nothing
wrong with believing God
loves you and cares for you,
but it is in error to jump
from that sound premise,
to the unbiblical concept
that God loves you
BECAUSE of who you
are or because you have
natural worth.

God's love and Christ's sacrifice has nothing to do with either what we've done (works) or who we are (natural-born sinners).

Titus 3:5(a)

Not by works of righteousness which we have done, but according to **his mercy** he saved us...

It is in spite of our built-in sin that God loves and

cares for us and sent
Jesus to die for us.

In fact, scripturally
speaking, when you go
deeper, it's not even about
you anymore. You're
shouldn't even be *thinking*
about yourself because you
have been crucified with
Christ and no longer live.
(Galatians 2:20)

Nonetheless, what you

want to believe about
yourself in relation to
Christ is a choice. Even
so, at least *know* what
Scripture teaches vs.
what the world pushes—
even in churches and in
church music.

It may well be human
nature to want to hear nice
things about oneself. Of
course hearing someone

say you have worth as
opposed to hearing that
you're the beneficiary of
the grace (undeserved
favor) of someone else
makes some people feel
good.

When you hear that you
have worth, you can add
that to your “self-esteem”
bag. It's an ego boost. You
walk out of a religious

service feeling good about yourself. You get to hum a tune that sounds good and makes your flesh feel good.

Nonetheless, one may want to consider not allowing evil communications, even in songs, to corrupt biblical thinking, earthly lifestyle, and ultimately eternal life.

**Research: Ecclesiastes 7:20,
Isaiah 53:6, Jeremiah 17:9,
Genesis 6:5, Romans 5:12,
2 Corinthians 12:9,
and Ephesians 2:1-8.**

Also read: **“THE FOCUS”**
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